

EDITORIAL

In November members of the editorial teams from 13 village newsletters met at the Windmill Centre at the invitation of Jackie Simpson of the OXFORDSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL. Together they cover most of villages in the north of the county with circulations ranging from 120 to 1400. One is a single folded A4 sheet published quarterly. Most are professionally printed, and so cost much more. The **DN** has by far the most pages, and involves the greatest team of helpers as indicated below, making it a unique community effort. The parish is deeply indebted to all of them - as to Marilyn Simons, who makes the school premises available for the printers and collators. Without all that voluntary time and energy, it would not be possible for the **DN** to repay a debt of honour to the parish by providing new notice boards throughout the community. Let's hear it for them all !!! ... and in 2003 keep supporting the advertisers who fund the whole operation. *CH*



DECEMBER DIARY

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- Mon 2 Monday Morning Club: Christmas lunch at the Cotswold Restaurant, noon for 12.30 pm. → p.7
- Wed 4 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
- Wed 4 British Legion: Stag Night, men only over 18 yrs old, 8 pm
- Thu 5 Monday Morning Club: Bus leaves Market Place at 6 pm for *Albert Herring* at the Apollo. → p.7
- Fri 6 Babies & Toddlers' Group Carols, Windmill Centre, 9.30-11 am. → p.6
- Sat 7 Hempton Church Bazaar, 2 pm. → p.13
- Sun 8 Advent Carols by Candlelight, concert by CHOROS, Parish Church, 6.30 pm. → p.4
- Tue 10 WI: Christmas party.
- Wed 11 Friendship Club: Christmas Party, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
- Wed 11 Deddington History Society: Christine Bloxham on *Christmas Customs*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
- Sat 14 Banbury Choral Society concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
- Sat 14 British legion: Live Music, Barry Ash, 8 pm.
- Sun 15 British Legion: Grand Meat Draw, 1.30 pm.
- Mon 16 Youth Club: Disco, 7-9 m, Windmill Centre. → p.6
- Wed 18 Boys' Brigade Christmas party, Windmill Centre. → p.6
- Wed 8 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm. → p.2
- Fri 20 Babies & Toddlers' Group: Christmas Party, Windmill Centre, 9.30-11 am. → p.6
- Sat 21 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am ~ 12.30 pm. NB Change of date. → p.12
- Sat 21 British Legion: Children's Christmas Party, 2- 5 pm.
- Tue 24 Carols in the Market Square, 6.00pm → p.9
- Tue 24 British Legion: Grand Draw, 7.30pm.
- Wed 25 British Legion: Family Party night, Games, Music Quiz and lots of fun, 8 pm.
- Thu 26 British Legion: Live Music, Stacey Parsons, 8 pm.

Reminder: If you are planning a village event and consult the diary editor before you fix the final date, she will be able to advise you whether any other group already has plans for the same day that might draw off your potential support. Of course, if you then register your fixture with her well in advance, she will be able to advise other groups to avoid competition.

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MEETING IN TOWN HALL, 20 Nov 2002

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Ellis, Harvey, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watts, Westley, Wood, the Clerk, the minutes secretary, D/Cllr O'Sullivan & 6 members of the public.

NUISANCE NEWS

Mark Harmon and Neil Francis outlined the work of the CDC Nuisance Group which cooperates with Social Services, housing associations and other organisations to investigate and deal with anti-social behaviour, noise complaints and other environmental nuisances. Acceptable Behaviour Contracts with young people are having some success. Noise nuisance complaints need to be backed up by accurate diary sheets - what dates, how often, for how long, at what time of the day or night, how loud - and if proven can lead to the serving of an Abatement Notice. Failure to comply is a criminal offence. Initial contact should be made with CDC, tel 01295 252535.

10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Martin Hovard, Deddington Colts Management Committee, presented facts and figures about the scope and performance of DCFC, which has the rare distinction of an FA Charter Award. The Club is growing, and existing facilities may not be adequate to cope with additional needs such as funding and playing facilities. The Club was asked to present a well-reasoned paper to the PC Environment & Recreation Working Group and the Windmill Committee.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PC authorised £400 to fund new songbooks for the traditional Christmas Eve carol singing in the Market Place. Please return songbooks afterwards.

DCFC asked approval for football shirt logo incorporating Coat of Arms. PC refused unless the design is modified, to separate the football from the Coat of Arms.

PC to send letter of support to school, backing their "Better Ways" campaign and application for OCC grant towards improved cycle access and training, and anti-congestion "walking buses".

PC insurance will cover BMX track, provided weekly checks are made, plus an annual inspection by RoSPA.

CLIFTON AND HEMPTON FOOTPATHS

Further consultations and site visits are planned before next stages of work are carried out.

PC STEPS DOWN

Requests from parishioners for the provision of steps down the bank on the west side of New Street and for modified street lighting on Goose Green are not within PC's authority and were referred to OCC.

PLANNING

PC no objection. (i) Glenree, Philcote Street - fell rowan tree. (ii) The Knowle, Philcote Street - fell holly tree and plant robinia. (iii) Lime Cottage, New Street - refurbish windows. (iv) Hoopnins, 5 Manor Farm Barns - convert existing garage to residential and provide new single storey garage. (v) No 16 The Beeches, Earls Lane - 2-storey extension. (vi) Hol-

combe Hotel - change of use to 3 private residential units and erection of new detached dwelling, all with garages. (PC had some reservations about adequacy of parking and the safety implications.) (vii) Flat 1, Thimble Cottage, Chapel Square - remove rooflight and fit new window over doorway.

PC objection (viii) Mullions, Castle Street - convert and extend existing garage into self-contained annex. Over-development of site, which is not big enough for two dwellings.

PC noted that (1) letters of objection have been received on proposed development at The Hazels, No 1 The Maunds, High Street, Deddington:

(2) applicant for outline permission to erect a dwelling on land in Clifton, adjacent to Sedgehill and adjoining Four Winds, does not hold the freehold to the access track.

CDC approvals - The Stone House, Market Place - conservatory: Holly Tree Club, Horsefair - timber shed. Corner House, High Street - fell weeping ash and reduce poplar: Webbs Barber Shop, Hudson Street - change of use from garage to hairdressers (retrospective): Antiques Centre, Laurel House, replace garage doors with door and window: Swere House, Clifton - 2-bay wagon shed: Grove Barn, Deddington - detached garage: No 1 Hopcraft Lane - single storey extension and internal alterations: Leadenporch House, New Street - alterations to East Wing and barn, new heating installation and garden gate: No 2 Hempton Road - two storey extension and garage.

CDC refusal - Red Lion, Market Place - 3 two-storey dwellings.

Appeal against outline planning refusal on land adjacent to No 7 the Paddocks: Dismissed.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £5,489.86, including £1,290.05 imprest account, nearly all on wages; £1,139.74 DesignGro + £700 K M Boss + £130 J Boss, for grasscutting; £500 Windmill Centre on office rent. Last year's Christmas Tree cost £352.50 from Cherwell District Council.

Investments totalled £528,989.87, of which £16,170.44 Barclays (£4,672.18 @ 1% on 14 days + £9,188.08 @ 0.3% overnight + £1,836.18 @ 0.1% imprest a/c + £474 @ 0.1% current); £1,000 Bradford and Bingley at 3.4% on 120 days; £511,819.43 West Bromwich @ 3.75% overnight.

Cllrs Squires and Wood will advise the Clerk on risk spreading to protect capital.

Donations (i) The Deddington News will fund new parish noticeboards up to £5,000.

(ii) £500 donated by now defunct Deddington Gardeners for horticultural enhancements.

NEXT MEETING Wed 18 Dec 7.30pm, Town Hall

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website: www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes

On Wednesday 13 November the school celebrated its 150th anniversary. Children and staff celebrated this occasion by dressing as Victorians for the day. Some classes held Victorian lessons and some children brought a meagre lunch of bread, cheese and fruit. Everyone present in the school building on that day signed a commemorative book, which we hope will be of interest to Deddington children of the future.

Our School Council has been very busy this term organising a bid to help us with funding for some bicycle racks as part of the "Better ways to school" project. In addition to our Cycling Proficiency courses, we have also started to run the "Footsteps" programme aimed at helping children to become more aware of their own safety on the roads.

Our ultimate goal is to help to make the journey to and from school safer and healthier for everyone by encouraging more children to walk, cycle or at least share lifts. Other ideas discussed by the School Council include establishing a "Walking Bus" and/or a "Park and Walk" scheme. If you are interested or have any expertise you might be able to offer us in any of these areas we would be pleased to hear from you.

With only three more school weeks until Christmas, everyone is busy making plans for the exciting time ahead. This year children in Key Stage One will be performing a musical entitled "It's a Party" in the Parish Church on **Thursday 12 December** at 6.00 p.m. The older children, who will also have a few traditional and some new carols for your enjoyment, will accompany them in their singing. As usual we would be delighted to see you there.

Finally this month, I would like to thank everyone who supported our school by attending our recent Book Fair and Bonfire Night celebrations. With your help we have generated much needed funds, which will go into updating our library and computer suite.

Lynne Stephens 338430

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Fireworks Night:

Hope you all enjoyed the Fireworks Night. Despite the poor weather, those who turned up had a great time, and the rain held off for the fireworks display. Thank you to all those volunteers who helped and supported the event – special thanks to the many sponsors.

Santa's Float:

It has been provisionally agreed that Santa will be visiting the villages of Deddington, Barford, Hempton and Clifton on **Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December**, starting as usual at 5.30pm.

We need volunteers/drivers on the evenings to help collect all the donations and jolly the event along, so All you 'elves' out there, please contact us ASAP! Let's help to make this Christmas the best ever!

For more info, contact Paula Blyth on 337066.



Admissions for the Academic Year September 2003 to August 2004

Our Governors' Admissions Panel will be meeting in February 2003 to allocate places for reception children for the school year beginning September 2003 - August 2004.

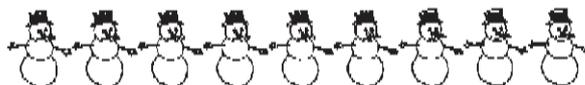
If you have a child whose date of birth falls between 01/09/98 - 31/08/99 (i.e., who will be 5 years old between 01/09/03 - 31/08/04) and you would like a place for her/him at Deddington School PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN AN APPLICATION FORM TO US BY **31 JANUARY 2003**.

We would also be grateful if you could inform anyone who does not currently have children at school and may not be aware of the deadline for admission applications. Application forms are available from the school office.

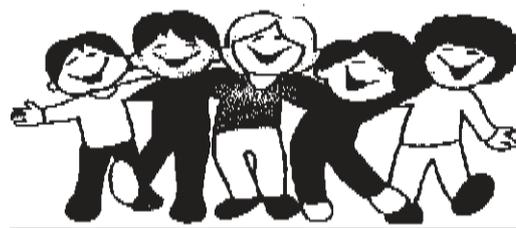
Santa's Grotto:



The Town Hall will be turned into a magical Winter Wonderland at the Deddington Christmas Market on **Saturday 21 December**, 9.00 am ~ noon. Santa will meet the children on a 'first come, first seen' basis. For a small charge, each child will meet Santa, and receive a gift. Please support this non-profit making event which is being run as a joint venture with the Market Association. *Kevin Mayo* (CHAIR) 337284



Advent Activities for Primary School Aged Children Deddington Parish Church



Saturday 7th December - 9.45 for 10.00 am start, ends 12.30 pm

Come and prepare for Christmas

Make gifts, decorations, cook, play chess, bagatelle & other games

Cost £1.50 per child

Application forms & general enquiries to Kate Petty 338425
Sarah Liebrecht 337628
Sally Haslam 338216

Additional application forms are available from Deddington Primary School office and the Church

We would be grateful to hear from anyone ready to help Please contact Jane Green on 337837



SS PETER AND PAUL, DEDDINGTON AND ST JOHN, HEMPTON*You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel***Parish Church in December**

Sun 1 10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Advent Sequence
Wed 4 10.00 am Eucharist
Thu 5 2.00 pm Squeals and Wheels
Sun 8 10.30 am Sung Eucharist & Baptism
6.00 pm Advent Concert (CHOROS)
Wed 11 10.00 am Eucharist
Sun 15 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Mattins (BCP)
5.00 pm Christingle
Wed 18 10.00 am Eucharist
Sun 22 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
6.30 pm Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist**CHRISTMAS DAY** 10.30 am Eucharist

Thu 26 St STEPHEN 6.30 pm Eucharist
Fri 27 St JOHN THE EVANGELIST 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sat 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sun 29 10.30 am Eucharist - Speaker: Polly from Banbury
Tue 31 11.30 pm New Year's Eve Vigil

St. John, Hempton in December

Sun 1 & 15 9.00 am Eucharist
Fri 20 7.00 pm Carol Service

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUPS Dec 16, Jan 6 & 20, 2.30 pm Derrick Wincer at 12 The Daedings (338004)
Dec 11, Jan 8 & 22, 7.30 for 8.00 pm Bill and Liz Dickinson at 2 The Leyes (337050)

The Monday Club for 5-11 year olds at the Primary School: Mondays in term time - 3.15-4.00pm
If you wish to enquire about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew, (349869) or one of the Churchwardens, Liz Dickinson (337050) or Iain Gillespie (338367)

From the Parish Registers Baptisms (St John Hempton) 17 Nov Laurin & Sophie Payne
Funerals 29 Oct Jack Bliss 2 Nov Donald Welford

in January

Wed 1 CIRCUMCISION 10.00 am Eucharist
Sun 5 10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
Mon 6 EPIPHANY 6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
Wed 8 10.00 am Eucharist
Thu 9 2.00 pm Squeals and Wheels
Sun 12 BAPTISM OF CHRIST 10.30 am Eucharist
Wed 15 10.00 am Eucharist
Sun 19 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Mattins (BCP)
Wed 22 10.00 am Eucharist
Sat 25 CONVERSION OF ST PAUL 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sun 26 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
Wed 29 10.00 am Eucharist

**in January**

Sun 5 & 19 9.00 am Eucharist
Sun 26 6.00 pm Evensong

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street*Joyce Minnear 338529*

Sunday and Christmas morning services will be held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation;

Evening Services at 6.00 pm

Dec	1	Pastor Isabel Walton (Communion)	8	John Neal
	15	Denis Eaton	29	t.b.a.
Jan	5	Pastor I. Walton (Communion)	12	Denis Eaton
	19	John Hine	26	John Neal
Feb	2	Pastor I Walton (Communion)		

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square*Pastor Isabel Walton 337157*

Sunday morning services in Dec and Jan 10.30 am - Pastor Isabel Walton

Sunday Dec 22 10.30 am Carol Service

Wed Dec 25 9.30 am Christmas Service

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY*The Revd A J Burns 277396*

Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -5.30~6.00 pm

Adderbury : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Hethe : Christmas Eve 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am

Adderbury : Christmas Day Mass at 9.00 am

The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's, South Bar, Banbury will now be said there at 4 p.m. on Saturdays to allow Catholics from the villages to attend by bus.

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WORKING GROUPS

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES (Cllrs Todd, Alton, Rollason, Swash) Budget (including precept): Audit of accounts: Grants: Investments: Standing Orders: Financial Regulations: Parish assets: Policy matters: Annual rent reviews.

PLANNING & PROPERTY (Cllrs Harvey, Cox, Wood) Planning applications: Local plans (CDC, OCC, RDP): Upper Heyford: Council property (owned/ leased/ rented).

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION (Cllrs Swash, Harvey, Spencer, Squires) Allotments: Cemetery: Castle Grounds: Best Kept Village: Open spaces and greens: Environmental matters.

HIGHWAYS (Cllrs Haslam, Ellis, Westley, Wood) Highways matters: Traffic calming: Parking review: Footpaths.

Well Remembered

JACK BLISS was a Deddingtonian born and bred who lived in the village all his life. His family had farmed in Deddington for generations and he continued in the family line, working hard on land behind Hopcraft Lane and St. Thomas' Street, where he kept a fine orchard, and over towards Duns Tew. If farming was his trade, fishing was his passion; meticulously prepared expeditions to the East Coast gave way in later life to coarse fishing on the Thames, and there were some fine specimens hooked. Jack also took a lot of trouble over his vegetable garden, with notable success. He loved animals, and the birds got to know that he could be relied on for sultanas. Jack made time for his friends - besides the fishing expeditions, he liked a drink at the Crown and Tuns - and he was a committed family man. He put a great deal of work into the family properties on behalf of the younger members and he thoroughly enjoyed the gatherings of the clan.

Hugh White

DONALD WELFORD was born in Clifton, one of the fifth generation of Welfords to live in the village. He suffered badly from asthma which, though under reasonable control for most of his later life, made some of the normal activities of children difficult for him as a boy. What it didn't inhibit was the development of a wicked sense of humour, and his practical jokes claimed many victims over the years. Educated at Magdalen College School, Brackley, Donald went into the family business and became a highly successful poultry farmer, ever on the look-out for ways of improving the enterprise. He wrote a history of the business under the title 'Be Happy, Be Good' - his great-grandfather's motto, adopted by Donald himself. Donald served as Chairman of the British Chicken Association and as Chairman of the NFU Parliamentary Committee. In Deddington he was Chairman of the Parish Council, a Governor of the School and a Trustee of the Housing Association. Donald's last years brought increasing physical restriction, but also saw the development of a thoughtfulness on the deepest matters. Donald was devoted to his family, as they to him, and his wit, kindness and generosity were greatly appreciated by his many friends.

Hugh White

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Deddington Parish Church
 Sunday 15 December
 at 5 pm

Come to this candlelit service
 Bring the children



Support with your donations the Children's Society's work to prevent bullying in schools

Deddington Song Circle

This cheerful group meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month (except December) to enjoy music making. There is one snag – there are not enough of us. We need some more voices, so if you feel you would like to join us, please give me a ring. Vocal qualifications required are minimal, but enthusiasm and love of music essential and a sense of humour is vital. Enjoyment guaranteed. *Annette Murphy* 337318

Windmill Thursday Club Ltd

For some, the recipe for an enjoyable Thursday includes comfortable surroundings – the Windmill Centre; companionship – fellow guests; stimulating activities – quizzes, discussion of topical matters, bingo etc.; excellent lunches – cooked by the talented chefs at The Unicorn; care and attention – provided by Jenny, Debbie and the team. The Windmill Thursday Club is in its sixth year and the adage that ‘time passes quickly when one is having fun’ is certainly true for the guests and volunteers at the club. If you have some free time and would like to be part of the Thursday experience, please call in, have a cup of coffee or tea and meet the team. A very Happy Christmas to all. *Ken Holt* 338154

Deddington Youth Club

It has been a good autumn for the Youth Club - well attended and with a variety of sports and art activities.

There was a visit from the popular ‘A’ Team with another planned for December. We have a disco on 16th December and members can invite one guest. Snack food is provided and canned drinks will be on sale - £2 entry for all. We are urgently looking for a leader to replace Amanda in the New Year. If anyone is interested, please contact me. It is a paid position that is rewarding and necessary to keep the club open. Come and do your bit for the young people of Deddington parish and Barford! *Gay Brewer* 338097

Deddington Friendship Club

We have difficulty in getting daytime speakers, which means that our afternoons are more social get-togethers. The members are quite happy about this but if anyone locally can come and talk to us about their travels, hobbies or interests we will be pleased to accommodate them on alternate Wednesdays. Our meetings end on 11 December with a Christmas party at the Windmill Centre and we start again on 15 January 2003 with a New Year lunch – details of that will be available at the next meetings. Hannah Hore from Cherwell Sports and Social Department is visiting us to advise on sports equipment etc. that is available (we already have indoor bowls). Please come along and join us. *Joyce Minnear* 338529

Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group

In a busy month we enjoyed our Christmas sale, designing mugs for Christmas presents and raising money for Children in Need - almost £100! On 6 December we will welcome the vicar to Toddlers, to share a story and sing carols. Our Christmas party is on 20 December when we hope Father Christmas is paying us a visit! Please can parents bring a small, labelled present for their child and a food contribution (see the list on the board)? Toddlers will be closed for one week from Friday, 27 December. A very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to everyone. *Lucy Squires* 338442

1st Deddington BB Juniors

The Juniors hosted the Oxfordshire Battalion Top Team competition on 8 November and the 1st Deddington team won the competition. On 10 November 8 boys took part in the annual Remembrance Day Parade and service and our second enrolment ceremony, together with the Anchor Boys, was held at Deddington Parish Church on 1 December. The BB (Juniors and Anchor Boys) Christmas party is at the Windmill Centre on 18 December and in January our 5-a-side football team hope to secure the county Juniors trophy at Spiceball. BB Juniors is open to boys aged 8 to 12 and we meet at 5.30pm every Wednesday at The Windmill Centre. For more information... *Brian Bushell* 338715

1st Deddington BB Anchor Boys

In November we welcomed Martin Thompson and Marcus Cooper as new members. On 10 November some of our members (the ones in the red sweaters!) took part in the Remembrance Day Parade and we enjoyed



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our joint meeting with the Monday club on 2 December. In January our 5-a-side football team aims to retain the county Anchor Boys cup at Spiceball. BB Anchor Boys is open to boys in school years 1, 2 and 3 and we meet at 3.15pm every Wednesday in the School hall. For more information... *Nick Westbury* 337059

Deddington Town Football Club

Cup matches dominated the past month for the first team: an excellent win (5-1) against Premier Division Wroxton in the Coronation Cup with Ben Durrant claiming a hat trick and Dan Walker netting the other two goals. Michael Hewitt scored two in the victory over Abba in the Charity Cup and, in the only League match played, Dan Walker scored in the draw against Hornton. The team are currently in the top half of Division 1. The Reserve side was in action three times: Danny Keys scored one of the goals as the team came from behind to beat Heyford 3-1 and Phil Kirsopp scored a hat trick in the 9-1 win (Charlie Rawlings Cup) against Flowing Well. The only blemish was against Vodafone with a 2-4 defeat, costing the team top spot in Division 3.

The 75 club winners for November are R.Cowley, P.Taylor, C.Franklin and R.Millard - all winning £50; G. Reason winning £100. *Steve Plumble* 01295 278258

1st Deddington Cub Scouts

Since September Cubs have welcomed lots of new members. We are now full, with 18 members, but we are happy to put names on our waiting list (places will soon be available as Cubs move onto Scouts). This term we have dipped into lots of different areas, we took rubbings around Deddington, made Halloween masks and became weather forecasters. We sent a team to represent the district in a county competition and took sixers and seconders on a trip to the Lookout Discovery Centre in Brackley as well as joining the Remembrance Day parade on 10 November. Next term we tackle an oriental evening to celebrate the world jamboree, together with lots of other fun, interesting and weird topics. *Jo Churchyard* 338071

1st Deddington Scouts

Scouts in Deddington are still alive and kicking, although we only have six members (we are expecting some new members in the New Year). It doesn't stop us from having fun and this term we took impressions to complement the Cubs' project, cooked a pizza in a cardboard box oven and are busy making our own version of The Blair Witch Project. A team went to the County Patrol Camp Competition and came 9th out of 40 teams; we were very impressed, as were the judges.

In the next few weeks we shall join other Scouts for a climbing evening at The Dewey Centre and a bowling trip to Leamington. *Jo Churchyard* 338071

Deddington & District History Society

For its November meeting the Society was entertained by Brendan DuBock with the history of SH Jones, the Banbury wine merchant. This was preceded by a wine

tasting and a quiz, won in a most sober fashion by Geoff Todd. The company's Banbury origins date from 1786 when Sydney Herbert Jones bought a wine company in North Bar. The firm moved from North Bar to High Street, but needing larger premises they moved in 1913 to their present landmark home. Mr Du Bock followed the history with a fascinating and witty description of the different wines tasted and the areas from which they came. Our next meeting is on 11 December at the Windmill Centre when Christine Bloxham the well-known broadcaster and writer will talk on Christmas customs, including a display of artefacts. Seasonal refreshments are provided. *Chris Day* 337204

Deddington Guides

As a Deddington Guide there is no time to be bored! We have had lots of fun, particularly at Halloween, and it is great to welcome some new girls, including a growing contingent from Barford. This term we went swimming, to a pop concert for Guides in the Dome and had a trip to the hairdressers to learn about hair care - thanks and appreciation to Neil of Finishing Touches for that. Moreover, the Guides have elected their own patrol leaders and have planned and carried out various projects, including arranging a Christmas party, good turns and carols at Wardington House nursing home. Guides also attended the village Remembrance Day parade. All girls over 10 welcome, 7-9 pm on Tuesdays at the Windmill Centre.

Maggie Rampley [Guider] 01295 810069

Monday Morning Club.

If anyone coming with us to *Albert Herring* has not yet collected a ticket, I would be grateful to hear from you. Don't forget, the bus leaves the Market Place promptly at 6 pm on 5 December. *Jean Flux*

Deddington Players

Deddington Players recently sponsored two of CDC's Arts at Large events this year. The first, Attik Dance group's production of "Crouching Chef, Hidden Waiter", was a stylised combination of dance, mime, music and dialogue that was innovative in concept and beguiling in performance. The John Mills concert was a musical feast, with a varied programme and, of course, great musicianship. One gentleman drove from West London after finding the concert announced in the diary. Both events deserved a larger audience. We count on village support for our pantomime in January, on 23rd, 24th and 25th. As a result of our recent lottery grant we have bought a new keyboard and upgraded the sound equipment, which should make our young actors much more audible. *Jean Flux*

CHRISTMAS POST.... The Scouts and Guides will be delivering the Christmas post again this year: collected from boxes in the Windmill Stores, Deddington and Barford Post Offices on **Sat 15 & 22 December**. It is 10p per card. The money goes towards camping funds. Huge thanks to all the shops that help us every year.

FROM JAMES GREENWOOD, HUDSON STREET, DEDDINGTON

Being both a motorist and cyclist I am continually dismayed by the number of young children who ride their bikes without any regard for visibility during these darker evenings. Those in the local towns are more to blame – no doubt street lights give a false sense of security. But a cyclist with no lights, wearing dark clothing and sporting, at best, one reflector, is asking to be involved in an accident. Please, if you are going to ride at night or in the evening after school, make sure that your cycle has reflectors that are clean, a set of lights (not expensive) that work and wear some reflective or bright clothing.

FROM JEAN WELFORD, BOULDERDYKE HOUSE, CLIFTON

The Welford family would like to extend their grateful thanks to all those friends who gave them so much support during the weeks of Donald's illness and especially for the letters of condolence and warm tributes received since his death. It has been much appreciated. Thank you very much.

FROM SUE AND PETER BLISS, ST. THOMAS STREET, DEDDINGTON

Joyce Bliss and family wish to express their thanks for all the support and kindness they have received following the sad loss of Jack. Special thanks to the Katharine House Hospice, all concerned at the Deddington Health Centre and with a special mention for John and Gloria, the District Nurses.

FROM TERRY CLINCH, THE MANSE, BULLRING, DEDDINGTON - 338711

Would someone reading this like to join Deddington Market Management Group to promote the Market? Sadly Jackie our publicity member is moving away, and we need someone to continue this important work. Contact with local Press & Media is the main criterion, and to be part of the team to ensure the continued success of our excellent monthly market.

FROM JOHN AND GAY BREWER, PHILCOTE STREET, DEDDINGTON

We will not be sending local Christmas cards this year. Instead, we will be making a charitable donation. Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our friends.

FROM N D WEST, HIGH STREET, DEDDINGTON

On behalf of Deddington Royal British Legion Branch, I would like to thank all who attended the parade on Remembrance Sunday, and who made the service such a fitting occasion - all the Poppy sellers and businesses who had boxes contributing to the £3113.69 total.

FROM STEPHEN TAYLOR, 212 BALMORAL AVENUE, BANBURY stephenjohn.taylor@care4free.net

I would like to introduce myself as the new Director of Music at Deddington Parish Church. I have been living in Banbury for nearly twenty years, so I am almost regarded a local! I started at Deddington in September

this year, having previously been Organist & Choirmaster at King's Sutton parish church. I play 2nd violin in the Banbury Symphony Orchestra which gives regular concerts at Deddington.

We have a very keen and dedicated choir at Deddington, numbering approximately 16 members and, for a village of our size, I think the standard achieved is certainly above average. Already we are working on new music and have an exciting programme for the Advent and Christmas period.

We are always looking for new members - at the moment we are short on sopranos/trebles and younger members, so if you can read music and enjoy singing why not give it a go? We sing just one service a week and have a practice beforehand.

If you are interested please contact on 01295 259678 (after 8 pm please), by e-mail, or just come along to the church!

FROM HUGH WHITE vicarhugo@hotmail.com

Janet Lince will be holding auditions for Benjamin Britten's 'Noye's Fludde' on Sat 1 Feb, 2.30 to 4.30 in Deddington Parish Church. Interested boys, girls or adults - PLEASE contact Janet 232618 or Hugh White 349869 as soon as possible. The performance is to be

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When the Penny Post was started in 1840 it became easy for people to send written greetings to distant family and friends. Printed notepaper with decorated borders, seasonal with holly, robins, mistletoe and hampers was available. In 1843, Henry Cole, Director of THE VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, asked a friend, Ralph Horsley, to design him a card with a printed message which only needed signing. A thousand copies were produced, and the Christmas card habit began. The theme of the three panel card was charity and good cheer, merry-makers flanked by dispensers of food and clothing to those in need. By the late 1860's, the practice of sending cards became widespread. By 1870 the boom took off with the introduction of the half-penny post for cards in unsealed envelopes. New methods of colour printing meant cards cost less. Greetings cards increased the volume of post to such an extent that the Postmaster General in 1880 was warning everyone to "Post Early for Christmas". Nothing is new.

Using the profit from sales of cards for charity was the idea of Dr Wilfred Grenfell. In 1912 he wanted to raise funds for Eskimos and North American Indians in missions based in Labrador and Newfoundland. One of the biggest charities to gain from card sales has been the United Nations Children's Organisation - UNICEF. Its first card was produced in 1949, drawn by a 7 year old Czech girl called Jitka Sankova.

Draw your own or buy for charity, whatever your choice this year, look out for local delivery via the special postbox in Deddington Post Office [see p.7]. For 10p each your cards could be distributed within the parish by leg power, Scouts and Guides.

Maureen Dew

Carols in the Square

As featured on our cover - thanks to Maureen Dew - Geoff and Joan Todd will be in the Market Place at 6 pm on Christmas Eve playing street organ music for carols around the village Christmas tree. Jim Flux will be conducting. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served (courtesy of Anton at The Unicorn) with any proceeds going to Multiple Sclerosis. Anton could do with a couple of volunteers to assist with arrangements (contact him on 338838). Our carols have attracted visitors from Canada and China in recent years. Whom will we welcome this year? *Geoff Todd 338532*

Teddies in the Square

Those of you who missed the Chapel Square Teddy Bears last Christmas will be glad to know that they will be mounting an all-new window display this year in their new home at Chapel Cottage, Chapel Square. Look for the flashing red light!!! *Peter & Terry Blackburn*

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THE FLOWER GARDEN

We had the garden all nicely tidied for the winter, and along came that storm. Bits of twig and branches trying out the Boomerang effect, finally a huge branch of the Walnut tree broke off and fell. We are really fortunate that John Parkinson's roof wasn't damaged, that the wall is intact and that no one was hurt. Next the clearing up - I don't recommend such a storm as a method of pruning, but the tree looks better without that branch, more symmetrical.

One of the Skyrockets is leaning very heavily to one side, and we hope it will survive. Apart from all that, I have now planted up some of the containers with tulips, y and pansies. But some small creature gets in



among the plants and rootles around so that I have to push everything back each day. Squirrel after walnuts? Ed] The tulips in the beds tend to disappear; I think mice and slugs eat them so we have put some more in. I like t h e m in clumps, not rows.

There is not much colour left in the beds, but we were given some deep pink almost red Michaelmas Daisies a few years ago, and they have been splendid this year. They are a good plant, easy and unfussy and very good for picking. There is a big variety of them all colours and size of flowers. They would make good subjects grown in a corner on their own, just for vases.

PS: Paul has cleared away the Walnut branch more quickly than I thought it was possible. The wood is all neatly stacked according to size and someone will no doubt use it for fuel in time. A marvellously efficient job.
Marianne Elsley

Dear Garden.

As you settle down for your winter sleep, guarded by the upright winter brassicas and covered by that fragrant layer of farmyard nutrient, I have been reflecting on the past year.

Time was when every cottage had its allotment to provide essential food for the family. Vegetables were expensive to buy in the market and cash for working families was scarce. Indeed there were once three allotment fields in Deddington alone. Now it is a hobby for some, an obsession for a few, and perhaps an escape from pressures of home or work for others.

We've had some good times, and some wet ones as together we have tried to grow a good range of crops. True, some of the veg had become home for less welcome creatures, but at least that proved that they were genuinely organic and home produced. You have given opportunity for some mild boasting and not a little gentle satisfaction, as well as providing a welcome peace offering of flowers or fruit to take home at the end of a long day away from the kids.

And then there has been the friendship, the peace, the space in life that you provide. There's nothing like contact with good honest soil to do a person some good.

So, thank you, garden, for the past twelve months. Have a quiet rest, enjoy the frost and snow, and let's see what you and I can get up to next year.

In gratitude. Hugh Marshall

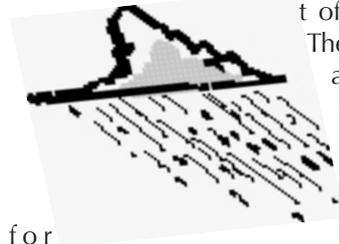
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ON THE FARM

The rain in Spain seems to have fallen mostly on the Clifton plain. The meadows at Home Farm have been abandoned to the ducks and geese for the winter, the ewes are now grazing what little grass we have left above water and will soon need to be hand fed. The best of the spring-born lambs are now in the barns and should be ready to go away in the new year. We have had to sell the longer-keep store lambs which we had hoped to sell fat in February/March, when the trade should be at its best, to make room for the ewes.

After a dry start the winter sown crops are catching up and are beginning to grow away from the slugs who have had a field day. We managed to stop any major damage to the wheat but part of one field of oil seed rape may need replanting in the Spring. The November storms gave us a few headaches with a long power cut, a lot of fallen timber, a demolished greenhouse and



for roof has been repaired and the inside given a lick of paint so for once it looks quite tidy, but nothing can be found.

The fortunes of farming are no better and seem to get worse. As we move into the new year some very harsh decisions will have to be made as to where we go from here. As farmers we have always seen our role as primary food producers to feed our country but today with the cost of regulation, and faced with increasing imports of low cost unregulated food, primary food production in this country is uneconomic. We shall have to find other uses for our land and other crops to grow. Farmers are like the land, they will always be here. Faces may change but the land will always be farmed. Food production in this country may well become a niche market with mainstream farming producing crops for the fuel and chemical industries. Some may say that this will be a good thing but only time will tell. Last year imported meat was responsible for the loss of 10,000,000 farm animals. Two months ago two people died and hundreds were hospitalised from eating infected Spanish eggs, yet the consumers are willing to accept these risks just because it is cheap.



Christmas lunch will be home-produced.

t of the office roof missing. The power was restored after about 36 hours. Most of the timber is now on the wood pile ready for next winter and most of the greenhouse has gone recycling. The office

As we approach the festive season I wonder if most people will know or care where their Christmas lunch came from or how it was produced. 9 million turkeys have already been imported by the supermarkets for sale at Christmas and beyond, but at least my Christmas

George Fenemore 338203

Deddington's Swifts (*APUS APUS*)

Swifts are electric and communal; feeding their young, they are as busy as farm tractors at harvest time. When the nestlings have freed the parents of their charge, they pass the evenings until dark playing chase, supping and screeching. Why? I asked Roy Overall, of the Oxford Natural History Museum. "Joie de vivre," he said.

Male and female are the same colour, each is dark grey like soot. In flight they are beautiful; motion is the theatre of their perfection. Above our lawn in Hopcraft Lane the chase, run on a circular course, begins: the birds rise and fall in unison, maintaining the pack over topographic features of the townscape. After three to five minutes, or longer, the pack dissolves. Individual birds shoot off, and up, like sparks from a Catherine wheel. They diminish in size and almost become invisible. Are there insects so far aloft? Perhaps they are catching thermals, drifting on the updraughts, and recovering their strength for the next chase.



Swifts stay airborne during the night, quite possibly with lowered states of energy consumption: they sleep on the wing, but how they do this we do not know. Swift nestlings go into torpor, automatically lowering their metabolism when the parents fly away and stay away for up to three days during a cold spell in early summer. The adults are looking for insects, and fly from the approaching area of low pressure to areas of high pressure, from Deddington to Bedford, and farther, eventually returning to the young who were unharmed by the parents' absence.

In other ways (other than the absence of sexual dimorphism) swifts test the notion of 'bird'. Their legs are too short to walk; if, by mishap, one lands on the ground, it cannot stand, or fly away, and may die. The toes are arranged - three forward, one back - for clinging to walls, not for perching. The swift's beak is not a tool, like that of the woodpecker, raptor or wader, fashioned to a feeding lifestyle; it is small and soft, for what counts is the gape. The swift catches all its food mid-air. When mother and father return to the nest, they come not with one or two insects, but with as many as 500, up to 100 different species, compacted by their saliva.

Their true home is Africa. Swifts come to Europe in May, and leave in August, nesting and raising their young before returning to Botswana. Home is where insects flying in summer are abundant; the sky is their nation. Deddington has, in addition to watercourses and floodplain meadows, a powerful attraction: an ideal nesting site, the eaves of the building opposite our house, high and safe from predators. How many other nesting sites are there in Deddington? How many swifts visit this village? It would be so interesting to know. Are we more favoured, or does every village in Oxfordshire have at least twenty nesting pairs?

Walter L. Meagher

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

We are now busy analysing the 70+ replies to the 'Opportunities for All' questionnaire and working out how to organise computing tuition. It's not too late to complete the Qs; Rosemary, our librarian, has spare copies. The latest news is that we should get our four new computers (with free access to the Internet) in early January. In the meantime, there are two computers in the Library that can be used during library hours and Rosemary has introduced a booking system for them. Using the Q data we are trying to start a few voluntary 'self-help' pairings whereby someone who, say, knows some computing works with someone who wants to get started. Don't be surprised if you get a phone call !!

Sue Gaddard 338122 Charles Newey 338282

NEWS FROM THE POLICE

Thames Valley Police are developing their relationships further with their communities by encouraging their staff and members of the public to work together in aiming to reduce crime, disorder and fear in the area. Volunteers are assisting their Police in many roles such as answering telephones, greeting members of the public providing support to Neighbourhood Policing Schemes and administrative support. If you feel you could spare a couple of hours a week or more to help make a difference, allowing more Police officers to be out and about in the Chipping Norton, Deddington and Banbury Area, please contact me.

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Have you seen our banner over the Bodicote flyover? Thank you Audi Oxford. *Charles Newey 338282*



It's that time of the year again when County, District and Parish Councils are preparing their budgets and service priorities for 2003/4. Thames Valley Police will be considering its precept. Why not help our elected representatives in their deliberations by posting your views or starting a discussion on the www.deddington.org/forum pages? These pages are regularly sent to Deddington Parish Council.

A Happy Christmas from DOL to all parishioners and Good Wishes for the coming New Year - during which Deddington OnLine has further plans for new developments.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

On 17 November at St Johns Church there was the christening of Lauren and Sophie Payne of St Johns Way. A very nice service was completed by both girls being given a small christening cake. The church was full for this very special occasion.

The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 7 December at 2.00 p.m. Stalls will include Bran Tub, Cakes, Crafts, Tombola, Refreshments, Christmas Draw and much more. Come along and make this an event to be remembered.

The Carol Service will be on Friday 20 December at 7.00 p.m and will be followed by refreshments: mince pies, sausage rolls and punch. This is always a happy and friendly evening. The Christmas Day Service will be Eucharist at 9.00 a.m.

If you did not read the Parish Council Notes in last month's issue, you will be pleased to know that Jonathan Watts has been co-opted on to the Council to serve this village. It would appear that the Hempton Stonepits could well be used by residents of this village for allotments. The Table Tennis team have not started the season too well in the Banbury and District League Division 3. Their record to date is played 4: won 1, drawn 1, lost 2.

As this is the last issue of the year I would like to thank the following people for delivering this paper in the village: Sue Montague, Rene Mahoney, and Mavis and Bernard Barton. As they say many hands make light work.

Les Chappell 338054

FIRE SERVICE

Since my last report we have received the following calls: 1 kitchen fire; 1 car fire; 1 gas fire; 1 skip on fire; 1 rubbish fire; 1 road traffic accident; 1 standby on M40; 1 false alarm with good intent; 1 malicious false alarm; 8 calls to stand by in Banbury/Bicester; 1 call to rescue a cat stuck in a door! 168 calls this year so far.

Your safety at Christmas time : Across the country there

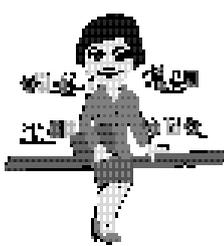
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is a greatly reduced level of fire cover being provided during strike periods. For this reason it is essential that everyone takes a greater responsibility for their own safety. Be aware of the fire risks in your own home and take steps to reduce the risks. Consider the additional risks associated with Christmas: the tree lights, the candles, the open fires. Think twice, don't overload sockets, ensure they are unplugged at night. Never leave candles unattended and have your chimney swept now. Please consider if you have enough smoke alarms in your home and check they are in working order. If you have elderly relatives or neighbours, could you pop round and check their smoke alarms are working? Stuck for a stocking filler? Give a ten-year smoke alarm, there are few gifts that can save a life. If you have to make a long journey over the holiday, plan ahead, have a winter check on your vehicle. Check the forecast and if possible avoid travelling in bad weather. Slow down - allow extra time for your trip. Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas.

Anne Waters 338279

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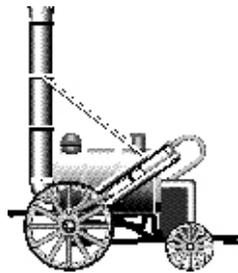
The following are extracts from JACKSON'S OXFORD JOURNAL for the month of December 1852:-

11 December - At a numerous and highly respectable meeting of the inhabitants of Deddington and its vicinity, held at the Kings Arms Inn, Mr. F. Gulliver, High Bailiff, in the Chair, the following resolutions were carried unanimously :-

'That this meeting most respectfully submits to the Directors of the Great Western Railway Co. that Deddington is the nearest town, and carrying on the largest trade, of any place resorting to the Aynho station, both for goods and passenger traffic, and that the station ought to bear the name of the "Deddington Station"; many persons now not knowing what station to alight at for Deddington.'

'That the town and parish of Deddington, and the places within a circuit of six miles of the present Aynho station, contain a population of upwards of 11,000, and in consequence of such station not being a goods station, the population generally, and particularly those engaged in commercial pursuits, are put to great loss and inconvenience by the delay and extra charges they suffer in the present mode of the carriage of goods. In the town and parish of Deddington alone several hundred pounds are expended annually for the carriage of goods and merchandise, nearly all of which would come by the G.W.R. were Aynho station a goods station, but most of which are now conveyed by road wagons and by the North Western Railway to Banbury. The meeting most earnestly requests the Directors to cause Aynho Station to be made a Goods Station with proper sidings, sheds etc.'

Buffy Heywood

**GREAT DEDDINGTONIANS. 1879-1930.**

Voting on who will be thought the GREATEST BRITON is at present very much in the News. So why not try a similar exercise confining ourselves to Deddington?

On top of my list must be: THE REVD THOMAS BONIFACE 1844-1931. Here's the obituary written in the Deddington & Deanery Magazine, May 1931 by the Vicar Dr Maurice Frost, his successor :

'It is difficult for one who only knew him for six years to write adequately of all he did for Deddington during his incumbency of 46 years (1879-1924). He had become as much part of the Parish as the Church itself. Looking through the registers one finds that while he was Vicar there were 1,398 baptisms, 410 weddings and 1,235 burials - most of which he conducted personally. Of his many interests, the Day Schools were one of his dearest and he remained correspondent - to the great relief of his successor - until his death on Easter Monday evening. The efficiency with which he performed the task was shown by the balance sheet issued a week or two ago to subscribers. We may be thankful that after such a long life of loving service he was spared a lingering illness, and also was able to make his Easter Communion on Monday morning. He has left the Church a complete set of Parish Magazines from 1879-1930, which will be kept in the Church chest. Also a roller and mowing machine for use in the churchyard, for the upkeep of which, a few years ago, he left £200 in trust with the Diocesan Board, the interest being paid to the PCC. The funeral was on Saturday, April 11th, when a large congregation attended, both from the Parish and outside. In spite of the announcement in the local papers of 'No flowers' several friends in addition to the relatives sent offerings - the churchwardens, and sidesmen, the choir etc, while the good people of Clifton all joined in giving a very handsome floral cross.'

Ruth Johnson

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338305

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MACKLEY CLOSE:

Pat Brittain, 28 The Daedings 338685

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Margaret Reid, 39 Mill Close 337283

GAVESTON GARDENS:

Adele Sullivan, 10 Gaveston Gardens 337485

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Katie McGovern, Roseville, Chapel Close
338771

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FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICE	01865 741781
HEALTH POINT	0800 665544
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PEST CONTROL	01295 221937
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THE SAMARITANS	01295 270000
SOCIAL SERVICES	01295 252421
THAMES VALLEY FM HELPLINE	0645 311222
VICTIM SUPPORT	01295 277990
VOLUNTEER BUREAU	01295 279515
YOUNG HOMELESS	01295 259442

JANUARY DIARY

- Mon 6 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon. → p.7
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 Tue 14 WI: Phil Plant, *The Euro*, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
 Wed 15 Friendship Club: New Year's lunch, venue to be announced.
 Wed 15 Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.30 pm. → p.3
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- Sat 1 Auditions for 'Noye's Fludde':Deddington Parish Church, 2.30 ~ 4.30 pm. → p.8
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 Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House: Parish Church, 10-12.
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 Fridays: Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.
 Fridays: British Legion: Prize Bingo and "Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm.

MOLLIE SANDERS

On 24 January 1903 Mollie was born in Hartwell near Northampton. For more than sixty years she has lived at the Priory in Hudson Street, where her son Clive was born. Walter her husband had a confectionery business based in Duns Tew supplying local shops with a horse and cart, until he bought a van in 1926 for £30/0/10. As well as sweets, the Sanders also supplied Sunday papers, and collected and delivered batteries for charging - essential in those days for powering what was indeed the 'wireless'. They hired out a portable public address system for events like shows and fetes. After the war the Sanders made available a hall at the Priory for dances, parties and wedding receptions.

Mollie is fondly remembered serving customers in her shop at The Priory with ha'penny's worth of sweets, scooping them out of big glass jars even after her hands became arthritic. After Walter died in 1971, Clive made the shop into a restaurant and ice-cream parlour, where Mollie helped until it closed when she was 82. The **DN** in May 1983 published a two-page profile of Mollie and her family.

Now we wish her a happy 100th birthday !!

The premises briefly became a Mexican restaurant. Far-western cuisine was then replaced by far-eastern served at the present May Fu II.



**Please note that John Whitworth
 [see ad inside back page] has moved to
 16 High Street, Bodicote 01295 268170**

DEDDINGTON MARKET PLACE PHOTOGRAPH

The date of the photo on the next page is tantalising - none of the clues in it is conclusive. The railings in the foreground surrounded a pond which was filled in c.1860. The presence of the railings suggests that the pond was still there when the photograph was taken. It seems likely, therefore, that we are looking at a date earlier than 1860.

It would be helpful if the photograph showed the south porch of the church: the present porch was completed by 1868. The large tomb discernible over the churchyard wall is a further disappointment. The earliest date decipherable on it is that for William Hitchcock, who died in 1887. There were undoubtedly earlier dates on it, but they have weathered away. The tomb's style, however, seems to fit a mid 19th-century date, as does the dress of those posing in front of the wall. Dean's store is prominent. The store was there by 1851, when the census records John Dean, grocer, employing two men and an apprentice. Gardner's Directory of 1852 describes him as grocer, tallow chandler, and provision and hop merchant. On that evidence the photograph could conceivably be even earlier than 1851, which would make it impressively precocious. It seems more likely, though, that it was taken closer to 1860 than to 1850, which we think makes it the earliest surviving photograph of Deddington and a valuable historical record. Can you help date it more precisely? *Chris Day*

Ivy Price used to live in one of the cottages in the photo. Thanks to her son Tony, the photo, expertly enhanced by Colin Robinson, is DN's Christmas present to its readers - perhaps to be framed. The Map Group has extra copies for sale. ED

